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SUBJECT: LESOTHO: 63RD UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE

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¶1. (SBU) Per REFTEL request, post provides the following information on high-level Lesotho government officials who will attending the 63rd UN General Assembly.

¶A. Attendance of head of state:

- His Majesty King Letsie III will not attend.

¶B. Attendance of head of government:

- Prime Minister Bethuel Pakalitha Mosisili will not attend.

¶C. Attendance of Foreign Minister:

- Foreign Minister Mohlabi Tsekoa (leader of delegation), will attend the UN General Assembly on September 23, including the General Debate. In addition, he will attend the High-Level Meeting on the Implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) on September 22 and the September 25 High-Level Meeting on the Millennium Development Goals.

- The Foreign Minister and spouse will arrive on September 22 and depart September 30.

- The Foreign Minister's spouse is Mrs. 'Mamongoli Tsekoa.

- Interpretation will not be required.

¶D. Other VIPs.

The Lesotho delegation will also comprise the following:

Principal Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Ambassador Tebello Metsing
Principal Secretary for Economic Affairs at the Cabinet Office,
Mrs. Moliehi Matabane
Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations,
H.E. Lebohang Maema
Lesotho's Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Mohlomi Rantekoa
Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the African Union, H.E.
Motlatsi Ramafole

Members of the delegation will arrive in New York on September 19 and depart on September 30.

Interpretation will not be required.

¶E. Attendance of Foreign Ministry official responsible for IO affairs:

The Director of Economic and International Organizations at MFA, Mrs. Maseabata Pheko, will attend the UNGA along with the

Counsellor from the Lesotho High Commission in Pretoria, South Africa, Mr. Edmund Motanyane.

Interpretation will not be required.

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